

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application of which Claims 1, 12, and 23 are independent claims. Claims 6 and 17 are canceled by this amendment, without prejudice, and the subject matter contained therein is respectively incorporated into independent Claims 1, 12, and 23.

In the Office Action, the drawing are objected to for not showing each feature in the claims. A copy of an amended FIG. 4 is submitted under separate cover for your approval in accordance with MPEP §608.02. The specification is amended herein to refer to these drawing changes. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings now show each feature of the claims and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. A formal drawing will be submitted after receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph because it is asserted that it is unclear whether the claims specify whether the audio locator, or the video locator or both audio locator and the video locator will be utilized. The claims are amended herein to clarify that "a set of rules [is

utilized] to determine which of at least one of the audio locator output and the video locator output will be utilized to adjust a setting of the camera based on the given measurement interval..."

As should now be clear, at least the audio locator or the video locator will be utilized. Further, under the rules, both the audio locator and the video locator may be both utilized. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment to the claims overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 8 and 19 are objected to for informalities. Claims 8 and 19 are amended herein in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. It is respectfully requested that these objections to the claims be withdrawn.

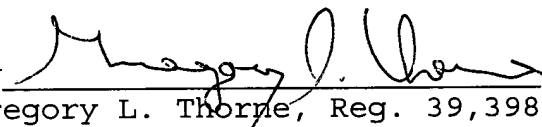
Claims 6 and 17 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant has canceled Claims 6 and 17 without prejudice. The subject matter indicated as allowable in Claims 6 and 17 is incorporated respectively into independent Claims 1, 12, and 23. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 12, and 23 are in allowable form and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Further, Claims 2-5, 7-11, and 13-16, 18-22 respectively depend from one of Claims 1 and 12 and are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable

elements contained therein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Claims 2-5, 7-11, and 13-16, 18-22 be allowed.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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